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COUNTY COUNCIL

OF

HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

BILL NO. 80-59

Introduced by Council President Hardwicke at request of County Executive

Legislative Day No. 80-18

Date June 17, 1980

AN EMERGENCY ACT to propose an amendment to Article VIII of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, titled, General Provisions, by repealing and re-enacting Section 811 thereof, titled, Definitions and Rules of Construction; to provide for an additional definition which states the term "Zoning Case" shall include zoning reclassification cases and Board of Appeals cases; and to further provide for the submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Harford County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with the provisions of Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland.

By the Council, June 17, 1980

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: July 15, 1980

at: 6:30 p.m.

By Order: Angela Markowski, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter a public hearing was held on July 15, 1980 and concluded on July 15, 1980.

Angela Markowski, Secretary

1 Section 1. *Be It Enacted By The County Council Of Harford County,*
2 *Maryland,* that Article VIII, Section 811 of the Charter of Harford
3 County, Maryland, titled, General Provisions, subtitled,
4 Definitions and Rules of Construction, be, and it is hereby
5 repealed and re-enacted with amendments, all to read as follows:
6 Section 811. Definitions and Rules of Construction.

7 As used in this Charter:

8 (a) The word "bill" shall mean any measure introduced in the
9 Council for legislative action.

10 (b) When used in connection with any action by the Council,
11 the words, "act," "ordinance," "law," "public local law," and
12 "legislative act" shall be synonymous and shall mean any bill
13 enacted in the manner and form provided in this Charter.

14 (c) The word "law" shall be construed as including all
15 acts, public local laws, ordinances, and other legislative acts
16 of the Council, all ordinances and resolutions of the County
17 Commissioners not hereby or hereafter amended or repealed, and all
18 public general laws and public local laws of the General Assembly
19 in effect from time to time after the adoption of this Charter,
20 whenever such construction would be reasonable.

21 (d) The words "enact," "enacted," or "enactment", when used
22 in connection with the legislative acts of the Council, shall
23 mean the action by the Council in approving any item of legislative
24 business prior to its submission to the County Executive for his
25 approval or veto.

26 (e) The word "State" shall mean the State of Maryland.

27 (f) The word "person" shall include the words "individual,"
28 "corporation," "partnership," and "association" unless such a
29 construction would be unreasonable.

30 (g) The word "officer" shall include the word "Councilman."

31 (h) The words "County Executive" shall be construed as
32 meaning the chief executive officer of the County and the elected

1 Executive Officer mentioned in Section 3, Article XI-A of the
2 Constitution of Maryland.

3 (i) Whenever in this Charter the masculine gender is used,
4 it shall be construed to include the feminine gender.

5 (j) The word "agency" when used to designate a subordinate
6 element of government shall be construed as including all offices,
7 departments, institutions, boards, commissions, and corporations
8 of the County government, and, when so specified, all offices,
9 departments, institutions, boards, commissions, and corporations
10 which receive or disburse County funds.

11 (k) Reference to a span of time when computed in days is
12 not intended to include Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays of the
13 State or Nation. The words "calendar days" are used in those
14 instances where the span of time is intended to include Saturdays,
15 Sundays, and holidays of the State or Nation. Reference to a
16 span of time is not intended to include the day the event occurs,
17 but shall include the last day of a period so computed, unless it
18 is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal Holiday, in which event the period
19 runs until the end of the day which is neither a Saturday, Sunday,
20 or legal holiday.

21 (l) THE TERM "ZONING CASE" SHALL INCLUDE ZONING RECLASSIFICA-
22 TION CASES AND BOARD OF APPEALS CASES.

23 Section 2. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that before this Act
24 becomes effective, it shall first be submitted to a Referendum
25 of the legally qualified voters of Harford County in accordance
26 with Section 905 of the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, at
27 the General Election to be held in November of 1980. There shall
28 be printed on the ballots or ballot labels to be used at this
29 election the title of this Act, and underneath the title, on
30 separate lines, a square or box to the right of and opposite the
31 words, "For _____", and a corresponding square or box to the
32 right of and opposite the words, "Against _____", so that each

1 voter of the County may designate his or her decision for or
2 against the provisions of this Act. If a majority of the votes
3 cast in the election are "For _____", the provisions of this Act
4 shall become effective from and after the thirtieth (30th) day
5 following the election, but if a majority of the votes cast in
6 the election are "Against _____", the provisions of this Act
7 shall be of no effect and null and void.

8 Section 3. *And Be It Further Enacted*, that subject to the
9 provisions of Section 2 herein, and for the sole purpose of
10 providing for the Referendum therein required, this Act shall
11 take effect on the date it becomes law.

12 EFFECTIVE: Subject to the provisions of this Bill,
December 5, 1980

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14 *The Secretary of the Council does hereby*
15 *certify that fifteen (15) copies of this bill*
16 *are immediately available for distribution to*
17 *the public and the press.*

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Angela Markowski
Secretary

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed LSD 80-23 (August 12, 1980) XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
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By order

Angela Markowski Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
 for his approval this 13th day of August 1980
 at 3:00 o'clock P.M.



Angela Markowski Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Thomas J. Ferraro
 County Executive
 Date August 14, 1980

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to the Council, becomes law on August 14, 1980, for the purpose of providing for Referendum therein required and subject to the provisions of Section 2 and Section 3 of the Bill.

Angela Markowski
 Angela Markowski
 Secretary of the Council

This Act, having been approved by a majority of the votes of Harford County, voting on the amendment (Question G) to the Charter of Harford County, Maryland, in General Election on November 4, 1980, stands effective December 5, 1980.

Angela Markowski
 Secretary of the Council